

HOUSE BILL 2169  
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AN ACT to designate the National Guard Armory in Union City as the "John Tanner National Guard Armory".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain public buildings to honor those exemplary public servants who have worked assiduously and with compassion to build a brighter future for their fellow citizens and their children; and

WHEREAS, John Tanner is most assuredly one such peerless public servant, a voice of reason and integrity in the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, United States Representative John Tanner was born on September 22, 1944, at the Dyersburg Army Air Base in Halls, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tanner grew up in Obion County, Tennessee, and attended public schools in Union City; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, he entered the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on a basketball scholarship; he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration there in 1966 and his law degree in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tanner entered the U.S. Navy in 1968 and served meritoriously, attaining the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, he received an honorable discharge in 1972, and in 1974 entered the Tennessee National Guard, in which he currently serves at the rank of Colonel; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the Navy, he joined the law firm of Elam, Glasgow, Tanner, and Acree in Union City; he also had various business interests in addition to his law practice; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1976 and served with distinction there until his election to the United States House of Representatives in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in the United States House of Representatives, Representative Tanner serves astutely on the Committee on National Security and the Committee on Science; he is also serving on the Board of Visitors at the United States Military Academy at West Point; and he will serve again this year as President of the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association; and

WHEREAS, he will be the Vice Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus for the 104th Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tanner has been cited as one of the most fiscally responsible members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tanner is always alert and responsive to the comments, suggestions and needs of his constituents of the 8th District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard Armory in Union City, Tennessee, has undergone an extensive renovation and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tanner was instrumental in securing the funds to assure that these improved facilities would become a reality; and

WHEREAS. it is thus appropriate that this renovated facility, a symbol of our nation's commitment to defending our democracy and the American way of life, be named in honor of Congressman Tanner, who has proven himself to be a vigilant and capable servant of his country and his constituents; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the National Guard Armory in Union City is hereby designated as the “John Tanner National Guard Armory” in recognition of and appreciation for Congressman Tanner’s diligent efforts in securing the funds necessary for the renovation of such armory, and for the sincere, honest and capable service this exemplary public servant renders to the good people of the 8th District, and indeed all Tennesseans.

SECTION 2. The department of military is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the National Guard Armory in Union City as the “John Tanner National Guard Armory”.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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